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SUBJECT: NEWS ARTICLES

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF AUG. 30 NEWS COVERAGE OF OWEN-YOUNG MISSION AND OTHER EVENTS.

2. OWEN-YOUNG. A.P. AUG. 30 FROM DAR REPORTED TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH NYERERE, NOTED HIS SUPPORT WAS "CRUCIAL," AND SAID THAT BEFORE THE MEETING NYERERE TOLD REPORTERS "I WANT TO BE SURE THAT WHEN THE PROPOSALS ARE MADE PUBLIC IT WILL BE CLEAR THAT THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS ARE INTENDING TO HELP US TO REMOVE SMITH AND HIS ARMY... TO BE REPLACED BY FORCES WHICH ARE NOW BEING TRAINED BY AFRICANS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE." UPI FROM JOHANNESBURG AUG. 30, QUOTING "SOURCE CLOSE TO OWEN-YOUNG TEAM," SAID SOUTH AFRICA REFUSES TO LENDS ITS ENDORSEMENT TO ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN... WASH POST (OTTAWAY) AUG. 30 REPORTED FROM PRETORIA THAT THE PLAN "RECEIVED ANOTHER SETBACK HERE" AS VORSTER "REPORTEDLY MADE CLEAR HIS STRONG DISAGREEMENT WITH ITS PROVISIONS REGARDING THE SECURITY FORCE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE ADVENT OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE." ARTICLE SAID "THINGS DID NOT GO VERY WELL AT ALL IN THE TWO SESSIONS OF TALKS HERE TODAY." OTTAWAY REPORTED ON ANTI-YOUNG PLACARDS IN PRETORIA, SAID THIS WAS THE ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGN OF "ANTI-AMERICANISM," AND WROTE THAT SOUTH AFRICAN STATE RADIO AUG. 29 PRAISED AMBASSADOR FOR SPEECH IN LAGOS LAST WEEK.... NYTIMES DISPATCH FROM PRETORIA AUG. 30 SAID "PROPOSAL TO SUSPEND AND EVENTUALLY DEACTIVATE FORCES OPPOSING EACH OTHER" IN RHODESIAN WAR "CONTINUED TO BE THE MAIN STICKING POINT" IN OWEN-YOUNG MISSION. ARTICLE SAID "ADDING INTEREST TO THE MEETING WAS FACT THAT IT WAS FIRST

FOR MR. VORSTER AND MR. YOUNG, WHO HAVE BECOME PRINCIPAL ANTAGONISTS IN GROWING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICA.... WHEN THE TWO SHOOK HANDS... THEY WERE POLITE BUT RESERVED."

3. SOUTH AFRICA. A.P. REPORTED FROM JOHANNESBURG AUG. 30 THAT PERCY QOBOZA, EDITOR OF THE WORLD (BLACK NEWSPAPER), SAID AUTHORITIES HAVE THREATENED TO CLOSE DOWN THE PAPER FOR PUBLISHING ANTIGOVERNMENT ARTICLES. JOBURG STAR AUG. 30 QUOTED SAG JUSTICE MINISTER KRUGER SAYING HE WOULD CONSIDER CLOSING THE WORLD NEWSPAPER "AT LEAST WHILE UNREST PREVAILED."

4. YOUNG AND THIRD WORLD. BOSTON GLOBE AUG. 27, UNDER HEADLINE "ANDREW YOUNG: HE'S PUTTING US CASE TO THIRD WORLD," REPRINTED ARTICLE BY MARK FRANKLAND, CHIEF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF LONDON OBSERVER. FRANKLAND WROTE THAT FOR THOSE OBSERVING YOUNG ON CARIBBEAN TRIP, "THE PUZZLE IS HOW THIS MAN, WHO IS SO SURE OF THE STRENGTH AND VIRTUES OF HIS COUNTRY, HAS COME TO BE CONSIDERED A CONTROVERSIAL AND EVEN DANGEROUS FIGURE BY MANY AMERICANS." ARTICLE CITED AMBASSADOR'S FREQUENT ARGUMENT THAT BOTH BLACKS AND WHITES WOULD SUFFER FROM VIOLENCE IN AFRICA, "SO WHY NOT TRY REASON." FRANKLAND WROTE THAT IN U.S. "IT HAS NOT YET SUNK IN THAT YOUNG IS SHOWING THE DEVELOPING WORLD THE HUMAN FACE OF AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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CAPITALISM.... HOW LONG WILL ANDY YOUNG LAST? THE PROBLEM ISN'T THAT HE'S NOT DOING A GOOD JOB FOR AMERICA. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE ANYONE PUTTING AMERICA'S CASE TO THE THIRD WORLD BETTER. IT'S RATHER THAT HIS MORAL OPTIMISM MIGHT LET HIM DOWN, THAT PEOPLE, ABOVE ALL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WON'T SEE THAT DOING THE RIGHT THING IS IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS."

5. U.N. ISSUES. BALTIMORE SUN AUG. 29 RAN ARTICLE BY FREE-LANCE JOURNALIST RONNIE LOVLER, WHO IS BASED IN PUERTO RICO, SAYING U.N. C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO "COULD PLANT THE SEED FOR CHANGE IN PUERTO RICO'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S." ARTICLE SAYS POSSIBILITY OF C-24 DECLARATION THAT PUERTO RICO IS A COLONY, COUPLED WITH REPORTS THAT LARGE OIL DEPOSITS ALMOST CERTAINLY LIE OFF COAST OF PUERTO RICO, "HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT TALK OF STATEHOOD FOR THE ISLAND.".... MARQUIS CHILDS COLUMN (WASH POST AUG. 30) SAYS UNICEF IS ONE U.N. AGENCY "THAT HAS SET A HIGH AND CONSISTENT GOAL AND HAS BECOME A SHINING LIGHT IN ALL THE DARK PLACES OF THE EARTH." CHILDS PRAISES LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE OF HENRY LABOUISSSE AND SAYS "FOR MILLIONS OF CHILDREN THE UNICEF FLAG IS A

SYMBOL OF HOPE. AND IN THE WORST EXTREMITY IT CAN MEAN
A LIFELINE TO THE FUTURE." A.P. FROM NEW YORK AUG. 29
REPORTED WALDHEIM WILL ASK UNGA TO APPROVE \$942 MILLION
BUDGET FOR NEXT TWO YEARS, UP 20.1 PER CENT FROM 1976-77.
WALDHEIM SAID MOST OF INCREASE DUE TO COST OF ACTIVITIES
ALREADY BUILT INTO BUDGET AND TO INFLATION; REAL BUDGET
GROWTH IS SAID TO BE 2.2 PER CENT.
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